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# Changes and Guidance to FY2021 Arts Project Support Grantees

Due to COVID-19 and the Governor's guidance on safely reopening, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) recognizes your funded project timing, delivery platform, staff, artists, or location may have been impacted. As long as the project: (1) can be delivered during the grant period using alternative location or timing; and, (2) is still within the spirit of what was proposed, the IAC is not requiring grantees to seek a contract amendment. However, if the project activities and/or budget has changed significantly, please contact your program manager. A Grant Modification form may be assigned through the online system.

## PROJECT CHANGE? (YOU MIGHT NEED A "GRANT MODIFICATION" FORM)

Request a Grant Modification form at any time. Forms are assigned through the online system. To request a form, contact your Regional Arts Partner.

### Request a Grant Modification form if:

- The total project budget will change by 20% or more (not sure? it's in your application)
- · There will be substantial changes to the project (multiple changes will occur like the venue, date, and artist)
- You don't think you'll be able to make the required 1:1 match. IAC can waive this requirement, but a Grant Modification form is required.

Not Sure? Need help thinking this stuff through? Contact your Regional Arts Partner.

#### **WONDERING ABOUT YOUR FIRST PAYMENT?**

The first payment (75% of the total award) will be deposited after the contract process is complete, **AND** your Regional Arts Partner has confirmed your organization is ready to move forward with the project. This will happen the first week of September – be responsive. Once this occurs, the payment should be deposited relatively quickly – about 2 weeks. The contract process takes up to three months. If there are no issues with the contract, we're looking at a mid-September deposit.

#### Do not feel obligated to move forward with your project.

Quality projects are important and this "new normal" can get pretty overwhelming. If you need some coaching, give your partner a call.



#### Will virtual work? Remember community engagement 101 – Ask your community.

School of Rock learned from their youth campers that they wouldn't attend a virtual experience. But other organizations have been successful. It depends. What does the audience want?

#### When making changes, make sure to keep within the SPIRIT of the PROJECT

For example, you planned to bring an artist in residence to a school. At the heart, this is an education program for youth. The school won't allow the program anymore. Can it be after school, library, or youth center instead? This is still an art education program for youth – the core or spirit of the project. Not within the spirit would be a recorded performance shared online or a public art project that doesn't